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WASHINGTON (AP) -- BOND WAS SET AT \$500,000 FOR DOUGLAS M. SCHLACHTER SR., AFTER HE PLEADED INNOCENT MONDAY TO SUPERVISING A TERRORIST TRAINING PROJECT IN LIBYA FOR TWO EX-CIA EMPLOYEES.

SCHLACHTER WAS ARRAIGNED BEFORE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN H. PRATT, WHO SET THE BOND AMOUNT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY E. LAWRENCE BARCELLA JR. NEITHER SCHLACHTER NOR HIS ATTORNEY, ALVIN ASKEW, OPPOSED THE LARGE BOND.

AN INDICTMENT RETURNED LAST AUGUST AND MADE PUBLIC OCT. 23 SAID SCHLACHTER WORKED FOR EX-CIA EMPLOYEES FRANCIS E. TERPIL AND EDWIN P. WILSON.

WILSON AND TERPIL, BOTH FUGITIVES, WERE ACCUSED IN THE SAME INDICTMENT OF CONTRACTING WITH LIBYAN LEADER MOAMMAR KHADAFY TO ESTABLISH THE TERRORIST PROGRAM.

THE INDICTMENT SAID SCHLACHTER'S ROLE AS A WILSON-TERPIL RIDE INCLUDED THE PURCHASE OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS -- SUCH AS TOASTERS, LAMPS, THERMOS BOTTLES AND OTHER ARTICLES -- TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

BARCELLA SAID SCHLACHTER HAS BEEN RUNNING AN AIR FREIGHT BUSINESS IN THE AFRICAN NATION OF BURUNDI, WHICH HAS NO FORMAL EXTRADITION TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

AFTER THE ARRAIGNMENT, BARCELLA TOLD REPORTERS THE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT HAD ASKED SCHLACHTER TO LEAVE. ASKED IF HE BELIEVED SCHLACHTER WOULD REMAIN IN CUSTODY, BARCELLA SAID HE DOUBTED HE WOULD POST THE \$500,000 BOND.

THE PROSECUTOR WOULD NOT COMMENT WHEN ASKED WHETHER PLEA BARGAINING DISCUSSIONS WITH SCHLACHTER WERE UNDER WAY.

SCHLACHTER, OF SUBURBAN FAIRFAX, VA., WAS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO TRANSPORT EXPLOSIVES IN FOREIGN COMMERCE WITH INTENT TO USE THEM UNLAWFULLY; TRANSPORTATION OF THE EXPLOSIVES; UNLAWFUL EXPORT OF DEFENSE ARTICLES; UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN FOREIGN COMMERCE AND RIDING AND ABETTING.

IF CONVICTED OF ALL THE CHARGES, SCHLACHTER COULD FACE LIFE IN PRISON AND \$135,000 IN FINES.

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